

What is claimed is:

1. A card connector comprising:

an insulative housing with a plurality of contacts for receiving a card;

5 a slider slidably mounted in said housing capable of assuming an ejection position for ejecting said card from said housing and a card receiving position for receiving said card in said housing;

a lock member held by said slider for engaging a cutout on a lateral edge of said card to lock said card in said card receiving position said lock member comprises a fixed end portion fixed on said slider;

10 a positioning mechanism for positioning said slider in said ejection position and said card receiving position;

a free end portion being supported by contacting a support surface of said housing when in said card receiving position and being separated from said support surface when in said ejection position; and

15 a spring piece with an engagement protrusion for engaging said cutout; wherein when said slider is in said ejection position, said free end portion flexes to disengage the engagement with said cutout of said card by the extraction of said card; and

20 when said slider is in said card receiving position, said free end portion elastically deforms while contacting said support surface to disengage the engagement with said cutout by the forced extraction of said card.

2. The card connector as defined in claim 1, wherein:

said free end portion of said lock member is a tongue for contacting said support surface;

25 said engagement protrusion engages with the engagement surface of said lock member;

said tongue piece and said engagement surface are disposed closer to one side in the width direction of said spring piece; and

30 said engagement protrusion elastically deforms in a twisting manner around said fixed end portion when it receives said forced extraction force to disengage the engagement with said cutout.